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Activities of the ex-militi

The attached report which gives an account of the activities of the ex-militi during September-October was obtained from a regular source who is close to leaders of the ex-militi's entourage.

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Activities of Haj Amin al Hussaini, the  
ex-Mufti of Palestine

(September - October 1952)

1. Haj AMIN AL HUSSEINI received recently a letter from AYATULLAH KASHANI, the Iranian religious leader and speaker of the Iranian chamber, suggesting that the Muslim States send military detachments to JERUSALEM to assist in the protection of the Mosque of Omar from the Jews. The ex-Mufti replied commending the idea, and suggesting in his turn that the Muslim States be asked to contribute towards the arming of refugees who would be sent to JERUSALEM to assist these detachments in this work. The Mufti and Kashani maintain constant contact by correspondence.

2. The ex-Mufti is organizing the despatch to the HEJAZ of a number of terrorists. It is his intention that a terrorist training centre be established there which will build up a cadre of terrorists available for use when required. To date six have already been sent. They are:

(Sheikh) ~~Tawfik~~ ~~IBRAHIM~~ alias ABU IBRAHIM ~~SACHIR~~

ABU MAHMUD SAFFUKI

ABD ALIAH OMAR alias ABU OMAR

Haj ISMAIL AL BABA

YUNIS MAFFAH

MCHAMED AL ABUD WUSA

All had been living in Syria or Lebanon. Each had his passage paid by the Mufti and was given in addition one hundred pounds Egyptian. All have been practising terrorists in their time.

3. During the last days of September and the early days of October, Haj Amin visited the refugee camps at SIDON, TRIPOLI, and BAALBEK in

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Lebanon. He was accompanied by Sheikh TAMFIK TEBI, Sheikh WUSA AYDARAWI, and ABDALLAH SAMARA. He assured the refugees that they would shortly be returning to their own country. He told each camp to form a committee which would maintain contact with him on all matters affecting their welfare and needs. On the BLANDFORD resettlement scheme he informed them that it was the intention of the Arab League to reject it categorically.

4. On October 6th the ex-Mufti had an interview with the Lebanese President, Camille SHAMOUN. He commended the plight of the refugees to SHAMOUN, and asked also that the monthly payment of two thousand Lebanese pounds assigned by the ex-President, Beshara al KHOURY, to Emile GHOURI for the work of the Arab Higher Executive in Lebanon, be continued. SHAMOUN promised to do so.

The ex-Mufti is not over-enthusiastic about the election of SHAMOUN to the Presidency, since he is known to be pro-British, and it is still Haj Amin's proud boast that he is Britain's first enemy in the Middle East, with Keshani as the second.

5. It is Haj Amin's intention to return to CAIRO about October 15th. He will be accompanied by Emile GHOURI, who will settle there with him, and who will be succeeded in the A.H.E.'s office in Lebanon by Abdallah SAMARA. The ex-Mufti claims to be on good terms both with the Council of Regency and the Ikhwan al Muslimin in Egypt. He attempted on his last visit to Egypt to effect a reconciliation between General NEGIB and the Wafd, and is on very good terms with ANWAR SADAT, one of NEGIB's lieutenants.